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"McClure's,"*

"To the Memory of Lincoln"

"I heartily approve of the movement to make the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln a national park, so that the building in which he was born may be preserved to illustrate the real conditions of his birth and childhood. * * * * I am glad that the scheme of preservation contemplates an appeal to individual Americans. Lincoln's memory, like Washington's, is one of the hallowed and priceless heritages of all our people. * * * * Most assuredly his birthplace should be preserved in such shape as will enable us, as a nation, to realize vividly the conditions from which the second of our great Presidents sprang to mold our destiny for good."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

YOU HAVE THIS DAY BEEN ENROLLED AS
AN HONORARY MEMBER OF


The Lincoln Farm Association

a patriotic organization formed by American citizens for the purpose of preserving as a National Park, the farm on which Abraham Lincoln was born.

In witness whereof the names of the officers and directors and seal of the Association are herewith affixed:

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WILLIAM H. TAFT.

The Lincoln Farm Association

IN August, 1905, the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, a farm of 110 acres located in the blue-grass region about fifty miles from Louisville, Kentucky, was saved from the hands of speculators by the patriotic act of a private citizen. A few months later the Lincoln Farm Association was formed for the purpose of developing the property into a Lincoln Memorial National Park that should stand forever as a fitting tribute to the great President.

As Lincoln was in every sense a man of the people, it was determined that the necessary fund should be raised, not by the gifts of a wealthy few, but by appealing directly to the people themselves. Every man, woman or child contributing some amount from twenty-five cents upward, should be made an Honorary Member of the Association, without liability to further dues or assessments of any sort; a handsome Certificate should be issued to each one, and the name should be enrolled in the Permanent Record to be kept always in a place of honor at the Park.

In this democratic spirit the work was begun and has been carried on. Already there are more than 80,000 members and the enrollment is growing rapidly every day. The Association has possession of the property and has now a fund of more than \$100,000 toward the work. About \$50,000 more is needed. The contract for a beautiful Memorial Building was let early last November, and the work of construction is being pushed as rapidly as possible. President Roosevelt with a representative gathering of public men from all the States, will lay the corner-stone on February 12th, 1909, the Centenary of Lincoln's birth.

Will you not take *your* part in this unselfish, patriotic movement to honor the memory of the great Lincoln, whose first principle was

a government "of the people, by the people and for the people"? Your contribution may be whatever you choose, from twenty-five cents upward—it is the spirit in which it is given that counts. Your Certificate will be promptly engrossed and forwarded, and your name enrolled in the Permanent Record.

The Lincoln Farm Association,

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, Treas.

74 Broadway, New York City

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How to Join

Put your name in one of the blank spaces on the opposite page. As Certificates must be made out from this sheet it is better to PRINT your name so that no mistakes may occur. Set down opposite your name the amount of your contribution. Your Certificate will be forwarded to you as soon as the sheet has been received by the Association.

From the Hearts of the People

From the Vice-President of the Galena-Signal Oil Company of Franklin, Pa., dated September 21, 1907.

"Your letter of the 17th instant, with circular enclosed, setting forth the plan for preserving the hallowed ground as well as the cabin in which immortal Lincoln first saw the light of day, has been carefully read.

"To be denied the privilege of contributing to this fund would be an affront to every honest American citizen, and I trust they may all have an opportunity of contributing their 'widow's mite' as I have, as per check enclosed, which I am willing to multiply by any reasonable figure within my power, to help carry the project to a successful finish."

From a Lawyer in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

"This project in my humble judgment is a most worthy one and its patriotism consists in your permitting the high and the low, the rich and the poor to be of this Association; in this thought Abraham Lincoln would have been most pleased, for he did love the common people because he was of them."

From a soldier's home in Ohio.

"Out of my very limited means at present I can only send — as subscription in the Lincoln Farm Association, but if allowed to do so, 'come again later!'"

From a Kentucky Banker.

"I think the plan a noble one—that he who only feels able to give 25 cents shall be accorded the same honor as he who gives a large contribution with less sacrifice."

From a woman living in Concord, Mass.

"My father gave an arm for the cause for which the great Lincoln gave a life and I have been taught to reverence his name from my earliest years.

"My only regret is that I cannot send one hundred times as much."

From one of the children.

"I wish it were 25 dollars, but as it can't be, please accept this small sum for a little one of twelve years, who is proud to have her name recorded as a member."

From Point Loma, California.

"I forward my little contribution all the more cheerfully because of the realization that each American citizen may do as much; for this is a cause in which all should be equal, as it is neither the quarters nor the quarter-hundreds but the best coin of all that counts—that is, the people's love and gratitude."

From the Vice-President of the Missouri State Horticultural Society.

"Enclosed find contribution toward the Lincoln Memorial National Park.

"I have been on the old farm, stood in the cabin door and drunk from the old spring, from which the boy, the future great man, no doubt often drank and from which he carried many a pail of water to a tired mother."

From a citizen of Gettysburg, S. D.

"I do not know how much money you need, but whatever it is I think it should come from the people at large, to whom Lincoln rightly belonged, rather than in a few large subscriptions by a few individuals. Certainly there are enough people in this country to contribute to raise all the money necessary—it gives me great pleasure to hand you herewith draft."

A Cleveland business man.

"I take great pleasure in enclosing my check for — and would cheerfully give more if necessary, but you are quite right in making this movement broadly and thoroughly national in character."

From a Connecticut Veteran.

"As every Civil War soldier should ever remember the noble Lincoln, it is a pleasure for me to take interest in the cause you have in hand. Surely Lincoln must have had many sweet memories of some of his early homes between after moments of awful anxiety for his country and the people he loved so well."

From a Southern Gentleman.

"As a Southern Democrat, bred and born a lover of all things Southern, I contribute my mite to the Lincoln Farm Association. May the 'little farm' that raised a Man soon be the Mecca of that broader and more patriotic class of citizens, who looking beyond party creed and color lines can recognize a true patriot, no matter from which side of Mason and Dixon's line he may come."

From a small town in Minnesota.

"It must be a mighty mean man, or a very poor man, who would not give up 25 cents to help perpetuate the memory of so great and so good a man as our revered 'Old Abe.'"

From a Michigan Agricultural College student.

"To-day is the anniversary of the birth of Lincoln and to my mind I can celebrate it in no better manner than by donating my mite to the Lincoln Farm Association."

PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT YOUR NAME VERY CLEARLY.

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Weekly audit by a leading firm of chartered Public Accountants.

Mr. Cleveland's Views

I am strongly in favor of the contemplated movement to make the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln a memorial which shall arouse and stimulate reverent and patriotic sentiments in the minds of the American people. It seems to me that this should be done directly by the individual effort of our people, and that the memorial for all time to come should be in their especial keeping.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

The Past Commander-in-Chief, S. A. R.

Saving the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln from the grasp of sordid speculative greed is as purely a patriotic deed as has been performed in this country for years. * * * * We bow with all indulgent mankind reverently at his shrine, and view as almost sacred the scenes and the material matters with which he was intimately associated. By all means, let us dedicate to patriotism for evermore the fields so familiar to his youth.

JAMES TANNER.

The Senator from Wisconsin

I desire to give most earnest approval to the plan for a Lincoln Birthplace Park.

Nothing pertaining to Abraham Lincoln should be lost or forgotten. Every material thing connected with his life at any time or place should be cherished as a precious heritage of the American people.

No man can visit the home in which Lincoln lived at Springfield, or the tomb where rest his sacred ashes, without strongly feeling a renewed devotion to country, and a deeper responsibility as a citizen. To carry the personality of Abraham Lincoln in any measure over into the life of the coming generations is to render a great service to the public.

His birthplace, rescued and restored, shall forever tell its story and bear its message to those who come after us, and for all time make more secure a government of the people, by the people.

ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE.

The Governor of Minnesota

I most heartily endorse the project and plan to establish the Lincoln Birthplace Park. Fostering a spirit of patriotism, it would renew memories of the great martyred man who gave his country and people the unselfish service of his whole life. Minnesota will do her full share to realize the purpose of the project.

JOHN A. JOHNSON.

The Vice-President of the United States

The birthplace of Abraham Lincoln is sacred to the memory of every American patriot, to every lover of liberty throughout the world, and it is in the highest degree fitting that it should be appropriately marked. It is to be hoped that there may be erected there some tangible enduring expression of our appreciation of the love we have for the memory of one of the greatest men the world has produced.

CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.

The Archbishop of St. Paul

By all means, let us have the Lincoln Farm. The land upon which Abraham Lincoln was born, and upon which he spent his early youth, is too sacred to be turned over to vulgar every-day purposes. It must be for all time one of America's venerated shrines, over which the spirit of America shall hold undisputed sway, and whither worshipers shall come from every clime to honor it and inhale its sublime and purifying life. Let it be the free-willed offering of the people of America, the gift of their hearts, the generous effusion and expansion of their very souls. Patriotism allows naught else, by naught else will patriotism be nurtured into best and sweetest flowering.

JOHN IRELAND.

The Governor of Illinois

I have to say that I heartily approve of the project for the acquirement of the farm on which Abraham Lincoln was born and its maintenance as a national park and museum. It is a most appropriate place to preserve the atmosphere in which our early pioneer patriots lived; and I believe that the preservation of the historic spots of our country, and their identification with the lives or deeds which have made them famous, would be of great interest and educational value to future generations, as well as a powerful stimulus to patriotism.

CHARLES S. DENEEN.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives

* * * * Make it in name as in fact a shrine of the common people, in no way connected with the Government, and free from official control and interference; for, once accepted by the Government, it will be practically impossible to make conditions that would forever keep the park as its projectors would have it kept.

JOSEPH G. CANNON.

The Senator from Indiana

I heartily endorse the movement to make a great national museum and park of the farm on which Abraham Lincoln was born. Few spots on the continent are so sacred to the nation as this historic ground.

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE.

This movement is further indorsed by more than two thousand Governors, Senators, Congressmen, and leaders in every branch of civic, business and social activity.